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29. (New) A shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of cornerpieces each positioned to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, wherein the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel when assembled.

30. (New) A shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces.

31. (New) A shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces.

32. (New) A shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpiece to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

33. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of cornerpieces or coverpieces comprises plastic.

34. (New) A shelf according to claims 30, 31 or 32, wherein the plurality of coverpiece comprises a plurality of cornerpieces each covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

35. (New) A shelf according to claims 30, 31 or 32, wherein the plurality of coverpiece comprises at least one coverpiece covering, in full or in part, just one side of the panel.

36. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces has a length and shape such that the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces covers the entire periphery of the panel.

37. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces.

38. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces or cornerpieces.

39. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

40. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes assembling mean for assembling with a chassis of an item of furniture or is configured to receive the assembling mean.

41. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes at least one stiffening fin or is configured to receive the at least one stiffening fin.

42. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes at least one rim configured to prevent liquids from running off or is configured to receive the at least one rim.

43. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes at least one buffer strip or is configured to receive the at least one buffer strip.

44. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes at least one grip or is configured to receive the at least one grip.

45. (New) A shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces includes attaching mean for attaching at least one additional element or is configured to receive the attaching mean.

46. (New) A method of manufacturing a shelf, comprising the steps of:
providing a support panel having a plurality of corners and providing a plurality of cornerpieces each configured to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel and an entire periphery of the support panel when assembled; and
assembling the plurality of cornerpieces onto the support panel so that the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel.

47. (New) A method of manufacturing a shelf, comprising the steps of:
providing a support panel having a plurality of corners and providing a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece configured to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, at least one of the plurality of coverpieces being adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces; and

assembling the plurality of coverpieces onto the support panel so that the at least one cornerpiece covers one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

48. (New) A method of manufacturing a shelf, comprising the steps of:
providing a support panel having a plurality of corners and providing a plurality of coverpieces comprises at least one cornerpiece configured to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, at least one of the plurality of coverpieces being adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces; and

assembling the plurality of coverpieces onto the support panel so that the at least one cornerpiece covers one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

49. (New) A method of manufacturing a shelf, comprising the steps of:
providing a support panel having a plurality of corners and providing a plurality of coverpieces at least one cornerpiece configured to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel; and

while assembling the plurality of coverpieces onto the support panel, attaching at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

50. (New) A method according to claims 46, 47, 48 or 49, wherein at least two of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces are fitted with the other over at least part of their length and heigh.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.